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above	-identifi	ed application.			
A.	Non-English Language References				
		Enclosed is a search report for a count	erpart application. The search re	port	
		Examiner has provided comments on t	he relevancy of any non-English l	language	
		references cited in the search report.			
		The specification incorporates commer	nts on the relevancy of Non-Englis	sh	
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		Set forth below are comments provided	d by the applicant's home country	counsel	
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	1)	a Statement under 1.97(e); <u>or</u>
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Respectfully submitted,

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